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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/496,345, filed February 2, 2000,

For (Title): IMAGE READING DEVICE AND METHOD

By (Inventors): Toshiya AIKAWA, Toru OCHIAI, Eisaku MAEDA and Maki SUZUKI

1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:

a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatting or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)

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4. Cancel claims 1-44 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a Division of Application No. 09/496,345 filed February 2, 2000, which in turn is a Continuation of Application No. 08/505,000 filed July 21, 1995. The entire disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

6. Formal drawings (Figs. 1-24) are attached.
 Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.

7. Priority of foreign application(s) No. 6-196559 filed August 22, 1994 in Japan; 6-218491 filed September 13, 1994 in Japan; 6-218492 filed September 13, 1994 in Japan; 6-218493 filed September 13, 1994 in Japan; 6-313353 filed December 16, 1994 in Japan are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
 The certified copies were filed in prior Application No. 08/505,000 on July 21, 1995.
 A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

8. Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____

9. The prior application is assigned of record to Nikon Corporation recorded at Reel 7591, Frame 0670.

10. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
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11. A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application.

12. An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

13. Small entity status:
 a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
 b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.

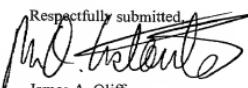
14. Other: _____

15. This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

16. The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411 and/or Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450.
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 b. Since the power does not appear in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, a substitute Power of Attorney is also attached.

17. Address all future communications to:

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